

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A tandem frictional engagement device includes a first frictional engagement unit and a second frictional engagement unit. The first frictional engagement unit couples a first coupling member to a first coupled member through a procedure wherein a friction disc that is relatively non-rotatably spline-fitted to the first coupling member is pressed by a first piston in a first direction and wherein the friction disc and another friction disc on the side of the first coupled member are clamped between the first piston and a first stopper member. The second frictional engagement unit couples a second coupling member to a second coupled member through a procedure wherein a friction disc that is relatively non-rotatably spline-fitted to the second coupling member is pressed by a second piston in a direction opposite to the first direction and wherein the friction disc and another friction disc on the side of the second coupled member are clamped between the second piston and a second stopper member. The first coupling member and the second coupling member are constructed separately from each other. A leading end of a first fitting portion of the first coupling member to which the friction disc is spline-fitted is so disposed as to abut substantially on a second fitting portion of the second coupling member to which the friction disc is spline-fitted. The leading end of the first coupling member is used as the second stopper member. The invention also provides an automatic transmission that is mounted with the tandem frictional engagement device.